

PATENT  
02P14252

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Markus ZIEGLER  
Appl. No.: Conf.:  
NEW  
Filed: Group:  
August 20, 2003  
Title: Examiner:  
METHOD FOR OPERATING FLUORESCENT LAMPS  
AND BALLAST

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 20, 2003

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of this paper.